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MAJOR PROGRAMME I. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 6. Elimination of apartheid

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the titles of the subprogrammes and relevant parts of the narrative of programme 6, Elimination of apartheid, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. Although the revisions do not reflect a fundamental change in the mandate of the programme, changes have been made in the orientation and strategy in view of developments in South Africa. At the

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level of the general orientation and overall strategy, they reflect certain changes that take into account the most recent resolutions and decisions of the legislative and deliberative organs of the United Nations. At the subprogramme level, revisions have been made to define clearly the objectives and course of action of the Secretariat, as well as to clarify and update the existing text. Previously the activities under programme 6, Elimination of apartheid, were administratively placed under the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs. Following the restructuring of the Secretariat, that Department was discontinued and the activities are now being carried out by the Department of Political Affairs. The revisions have not been reviewed by the Special Committee against Apartheid.

4. The following text modifies the titles of the subprogrammes and paragraphs 6.1 to 6.4, 6.7, 6.8, 6.11 to 6.19 and 6.21 to 6.27 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

A. Programme

Paragraph 6.1

Add reference to General Assembly resolution 46/79 and Security Council resolution 765 (1992).

Insert a new paragraph 6.2 as follows and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

"6.2. With the adoption, on 14 December 1989, of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, the General Assembly reiterated the high priority it placed on the elimination of apartheid. For the first time, and with one voice, the international community outlined essential elements of a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa and endorsed a process of negotiations towards that end. The programme was adjusted along the letter and spirit of the Declaration as demonstrated by General Assembly consensus resolutions 44/244 of 17 September 1990, 45/176 A of 19 December 1990 and 46/79 A of 13 December 1991."

Paragraph 6.2 (new para. 6.3)

Insert in paragraph 6.2 after "apartheid system in South Africa" "through peaceful means".

Replace subparagraphs 6.2 (a) to (c) with the following:

"(a) Monitoring closely developments in South Africa and actions of the international community, particularly regarding appropriate pressure on South Africa and timely assistance to the victims and opponents of apartheid;

"(b) Mobilizing international opinion in support of the early establishment of a democratic, non-racial South Africa;

"(c) Undertaking activities aimed at supporting the political process towards the establishment of a non-racial and democratic South Africa."

Paragraph 6.3 (new para. 6.4)

In the first sentence, delete the following: "when the Council considered the question of the situation in the Union of South Africa, recognizing that it had led to international friction and, if continued, might endanger international peace and security (resolution 134 (1960))".

Paragraph 6.4 (new para. 6.5)

In the first sentence, replace "the racist policies pursued by the South African Government" with "apartheid".

Paragraph 6.7 (new para. 6.8)

At the end of the second sentence, insert "and to make the process towards that end profound and irreversible".

Replace the last sentence with the following: "Although positive steps have been undertaken in South Africa to create a climate conducive to negotiations, the international community continues to declare that apartheid cannot be reformed but has to be eradicated."

Paragraph 6.8 (new para. 6.9)

Replace the second sentence with the following: "While apartheid still persists in South Africa and its racist legacy determines the daily life of the South African people, the process of creating a negotiating framework towards the end of apartheid has reached a new stage. The international community has intensified and continues its monitoring of developments in South Africa and, increasingly, identifies the dangers that could disrupt the ongoing process of a democratic transformation of the country. In this light, it is important to continue to exert pressure on the Government of South Africa as well as to provide assistance to the anti-apartheid forces. Apartheid will be considered to have been abolished only after the establishment of transitional arrangements, the adoption of a new constitution, and the installation of a new government following free and fair elections based on that constitution".

Paragraph 6.11 (new para. 6.12)

In the first sentence, replace "Department of Political and Security Council Affairs" with "Department of Political Affairs."

Paragraph 6.12 (new para. 6.13)

Replace paragraph 6.12 with the following:

"One of the main tasks of the Special Committee against Apartheid in the forthcoming period is the close monitoring of the situation in South Africa in order to encourage and facilitate the ongoing process of peacefully eliminating apartheid, and to contribute to the emergence of a democratic and non-racial society in South Africa. Particular emphasis will be given to issues of internal peace and human rights, the rehabilitation of political prisoners and the resettlement and urban reintegration of refugees and other exiles, the serious socio-economic inequalities, shortages in housing, health services and education resulting from decades of apartheid, as well as issues of constitution-building, and ways and means of

helping to address these problems. Within the context of the need to respond appropriately to ongoing developments in South Africa the Special Committee will continue to review existing restrictive measures from the point of view of whether changes are warranted by positive developments in South Africa. The Centre against Apartheid will be instrumental in assisting the Special Committee to organize a number of conferences, seminars, round tables, consultations and other events with non-governmental organizations, anti-apartheid movements, representatives of intergovernmental organizations and others, including participants with relevant expertise who are or are likely to be in decision-making positions".

Paragraph 6.13
(new para. 6.14)

Replace paragraph 6.13 with the following:

"In order to ensure a concerted response by the United Nations to the present and future needs for assistance, in particular, as regards assistance to the disadvantaged sectors of South African society, the Secretary-General, in accordance with resolution 46/79 A of 13 December 1991, may expand the scope of activities, which could entail the physical presence of United Nations offices and agencies inside South Africa. In this context, the Centre's role to promote coordinated activities of the United Nations system in South Africa will acquire renewed and increased importance while focusing on well defined subject areas. The Centre against Apartheid will continue to be the focal point on the issue of apartheid and related developments in South Africa, and will assist the Secretary-General in (a) promoting a concerted approach by the United Nations system towards South Africa, aimed at supporting the process under way towards a non-racial democracy in that country; and (b) facilitating assistance during the transition period and beyond to consolidate a stable and peaceful development in a new South Africa. The Centre will also continue to collaborate with regional and interregional organizations, national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, anti-apartheid movements, trade union confederations, religious and civic non-governmental organizations and others who have an active interest in the elimination of apartheid."

Insert a new paragraph 6.15 as follows and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

"In order to meet information and publicity needs regarding the international campaign against apartheid and the evaluation of developments inside South Africa, the Special Committee, the Centre and other bodies engaged in activities against apartheid will cooperate with the Committee on Information with regard to information policy and with the Department of Public Information with regard to the production of publications, films and other

publicity material, as well as radio and worldwide press coverage on events relating to apartheid and its elimination. The coordination of information activities in this field between the Centre, the Centre for Human Rights, and other relevant United Nations bodies and units of the Secretariat will also continue. The cooperation of anti-apartheid movements and other non-governmental organizations worldwide will also be solicited on specific projects where it is deemed that such contacts will enhance the effects of the desired information and publicity programmes."

Paragraph 6.14 (new para. 6.16)

Replace "two" with "three".

Revise titles and renumber subprogrammes to read as follows:

"Subprogramme 1. Monitoring and coordination of international action against apartheid and in support of a new, non-racial and democratic South Africa

"Subprogramme 2. Educational, legal, humanitarian and other assistance to disadvantaged South Africans

"Subprogramme 3. Information and promotional activities".

Paragraph 6.15 (new para. 6.17)

Replace paragraph 6.15 with the following:

"Subprogrammes 1 and 2 are designated high priority."

SUBPROGRAMME 1. PROMOTION AND COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID

Title of subprogramme

Revise the title of subprogramme 1 to read: "Monitoring and coordination of international action against apartheid and in support of a new non-racial and democratic South Africa"

Paragraph 6.16 (new para. 6.18)

Add reference to General Assembly resolutions 45/176 and 46/79.

Paragraph 6.17 (new para. 6.19)

Replace paragraph 6.17 with the following:

"In a number of United Nations resolutions adopted since 1962, appeals have been made to all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to increase their cooperation with the Special Committee against Apartheid in the discharge of its mandate, as a means of making progress towards the peaceful elimination of apartheid. Measures adopted at the forty-fourth session and the sixteenth special session of the General

Assembly called for international support for the eradication of apartheid in South Africa through genuine negotiations; the imposition, coordination and strict monitoring of measures in support of United Nations efforts for the peaceful elimination of apartheid; international financial pressure on South Africa; an oil embargo against South Africa; the cessation of military collaboration with South Africa; the analysis of sanctions; monitoring mechanisms of governmental and intergovernmental organizations; and support for the work of the Commission against Apartheid in Sports. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, appealed to the international community to give its full and concerted support to the vulnerable and critical process under way in South Africa through a phased application of appropriate pressure on the South African authorities and, within the context of the need to respond appropriately to ongoing developments there, called on the international community to review existing restrictive measures as warranted by positive developments, such as agreement by the parties on transitional arrangements and agreement on a new non-racial, democratic constitution. Although measures called for in various resolutions have been implemented by a large number of States and by intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies, they have not yet attained their goal, owing in part to inadequate international coordination and the lack of full compliance on the part of the main trading partners of South Africa to implement many of the restrictions called for in the resolutions."

Paragraph 6.18 (new para. 6.20)

Replace paragraph 6.18 with the following:

"Consequently, this subprogramme will address itself to increasing the momentum for international action by strengthening the monitoring and analysis of the situation in South Africa, the monitoring of the international response, with special reference to measures intended to apply appropriate pressure and contribute to a speedy end to apartheid, and maintaining and enhancing the international consensus on the issue."

Paragraph 6.19 (new para. 6.21)

Replace paragraph 6.19 with the following:

"The Centre against Apartheid will service the Special Committee against Apartheid, which monitors the situation in South Africa and the relevant actions of the international community, and its subsidiary intergovernmental bodies and other intergovernmental bodies, such as the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa and the Commission against Apartheid in Sports."

Paragraph 6.21 (new para. 6.23)

Delete "and study on the implementation of ... racial policies"

Insert a new sentence to read: "It will also provide documentation, advice and assistance in connection with missions undertaken by the Special Committee to consult with Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations."

Paragraph 6.22 (new para. 6.24)

Replace paragraph 6.22 with the following:

"In this context, the Centre will service conferences, seminars and other events as approved by the Special Committee focusing on well defined subject areas and aimed at supporting the process under way towards a non-racial democracy and at facilitating assistance during a transition period and beyond to consolidate a stable and peaceful development in a new South Africa. The Centre will place a particular emphasis on meetings to be organized with participants at high levels of expertise in their respective areas, who are, or are likely to be in decision-making or influential positions."

Paragraph 6.23

Delete paragraph 6.23 and renumber subsequent paragraphs, beginning with paragraph 6.25.

Insert a new subprogramme 2 after paragraph 6.22 as follows and renumber the subsequent subprogrammes and paragraphs accordingly:

"SUBPROGRAMME 2. EDUCATIONAL, LEGAL, HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO DISADVANTAGED SOUTH AFRICANS

"(a) Objectives

"6.25. Legislative authority for the subprogramme is set out in General Assembly resolutions 2054 B (XX), 2349 (XXII), 46/79 and 46/80.

"6.26. As contained in the respective resolutions cited above, the activities to be carried out under the subprogramme will include:

"(a) The voluntary repatriation of South African refugees and exiles;

"(b) Providing humanitarian, educational assistance inside South Africa;

"(c) Expanding at an appropriate time and in a concerted manner the scope of system-wide assistance provided inside South Africa aimed at addressing socio-economic issues, particularly in the areas of education, health, housing and social welfare, which may involve the physical presence of organizations and agencies of the United Nations system in South Africa;

"(d) Providing funding to broad-based impartial non-governmental organizations inside South Africa so as to ensure the effective implementation of legislation repealing major

apartheid laws, and redressing the continuing adverse effects of these laws, thus encouraging increased public confidence in the rule of law;

"(e) Initiating educational and training programmes inside South Africa to ensure, to the largest extent possible, the returnability and job placement of graduates funded from the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

"(f) Reviewing from time to time the training activities of the Programme inside South Africa and abroad so as to meet some of the human resource needs of South Africans during the transition to a new South Africa and beyond;

"(g) Encouraging Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, including international professional associations, to use their influence and leverage inside South Africa in helping graduates of the Programme and other educational programmes in gaining access to appropriate job opportunities.

"6.27. Consequently, the subprogramme aims at:

"(a) Enhancing a climate conducive to negotiations and peace;

"(b) Focusing international attention on the urgent need to address the socio-economic imbalance resulting from decades of apartheid and thus contributing to the promotion of a new, non-racial, multi-party democracy in South Africa that is both economically and socially viable;

"(c) Enabling the victims of apartheid to obtain redress for their legitimate grievances through the court system and thus instilling a greater public confidence in the rule of law;

"(d) Designing and implementing cost-effective training and educational programmes inside South Africa and providing a Black cadre for the smooth transition to a non-racial and democratic South Africa, especially in the field of public administration, high- and middle-level management, policy analysis and planning, engineering and science as well as training of lawyers, judges and others for the effective administration of justice in the post apartheid South Africa;

"6.28. It is important that the experience acquired by the Centre, particularly in the political, educational, legal, humanitarian and other fields, should be used to the fullest to contribute to the smooth transition to a new, non-racial and democratic South Africa. The Centre's vast contacts with networks of anti-apartheid movements and other non-governmental organizations actively engaged against apartheid, with trade unions, church and other religious organizations, women's organizations, parliamentarians, cultural personalities and others will be brought to bear during the period covered by the medium-term plan.

"(b) Course of action by the Secretariat

"6.29. The Centre will administer, on behalf of the Secretary-General, the Trust Fund for the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa and the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa and will service conferences, seminars and other events as approved by the Advisory Committee on the Training Programme and the Committee of Trustees of the Trust Fund.

"6.30. The Centre will undertake research and prepare analytical studies and reports on the educational crisis in South Africa and on all aspects of the educational, legal, humanitarian and other assistance it provides to South Africans. It will provide documentation, advice and assistance in conjunction with missions undertaken by the Advisory Committee and the Committee of Trustees and/or the representative of the Secretary-General to consult with Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

"6.31. It will consult and coordinate activities with donor countries, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, implementing agencies as well as with the historic Black South African universities on the execution of the new and expanded legislative mandates of the programmes.

"6.32. As a focal point on apartheid-related items, the Centre will provide advisory and other services to organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, to donors, implementing agencies and others concerned so that the continued South Africa-related activities and programmes are in harmony with the main thrust of United Nations action in support of a new, non-racial and democratic South Africa as defined in the consensus United Nations Declaration on South Africa adopted in December 1989.

"6.33. The Centre will continue to develop formal and informal cooperative activities, both within the United Nations system and outside, to achieve it stated goals. Informal consultations and cooperation with outside agencies are particularly useful because of the role of the Centre as a designated focal point. It is important that cooperation and coordination are strengthened system-wide so as to ensure an optimal use of the limited resources available within the United Nations system.

"6.34. So far, all of the Centre's resources devoted to programmes of educational, legal and humanitarian assistance to disadvantaged South Africans have been funded through voluntary contributions by Member States. Because of the expanded scope of assistance to be provided inside South Africa to address the socio-economic issues, the smooth reintegration of former political prisoners into South African society, and the promotion of a culture of human rights, it will become necessary during the current medium-term plan to carry out fund-raising activities and develop a physical presence inside South Africa, in line with the decision of the Administrative Committee on Coordination taken in April 1991."

SUBPROGRAMME 2. PUBLICITY AGAINST APARTHEID

Title and number of subprogramme

Replace "SUBPROGRAMME 2. PUBLICITY AGAINST APARTHEID" with "SUBPROGRAMME 3. INFORMATION AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES".

Paragraph 6.24 (new para. 6.35)

Add reference to General Assembly resolutions 45/176 and 46/79.

Paragraph 6.25 (new para. 6.36)

Replace subparagraph 6.25 (a) with the following:

"Promoting support for a negotiated settlement of the conflict in South Africa as outlined in the United Nations Declaration on Apartheid and the consensus resolutions".

Insert new subparagraphs as follows:

"(e) Ensuring the necessary coordination of activities of the United Nations system with regard to and in South Africa;

"(f) Facilitating assistance during the transition period and beyond so as to consolidate a stable and peaceful development in a new South Africa."

Paragraph 6.26 (new para. 6.37)

Replace paragraph 6.26 with the following:

"The Centre against Apartheid will assist the Secretary-General, the Special Committee against Apartheid, its subsidiary bodies and other intergovernmental bodies it services, in the execution of promotional activities contained in General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on Apartheid and of their respective mandates."

Paragraph 6.27 (new para. 6.38)

Replace subparagraph 6.27 (b) with the following:

"Assisting in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/79 of 13 December 1991 concerning information components of cultural, sports and other contacts with South Africa, which calls for, inter alia, the resumption of academic, scientific and cultural links with democratic anti-apartheid organizations as well as the resumption of sports links with unified, non-racial sporting organizations of South Africa".

Replace subparagraph 6.27 (c) with the following:

"Cooperating with non-governmental organizations, anti-apartheid movements, other democratic forces and, in particular, other United Nations bodies, as well as regional, international and other organizations, to promote coordination of information activities in support of United Nations efforts for a negotiated settlement of

the conflict and the advent of a new, non-racial and democratic South Africa".

At the end of subparagraph 6.27 (d) add "and on current developments in South Africa".